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Examiner: Timothy M. Harbeck

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| Application of : | Donato DADDARIO et al. | AMENDMENT |
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| Title : | BENEFIT PROVIDER SYSTEM AND METHOD | |

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, the Applicants timely filed a response on November 21, 2006. However, on December 1, 2006, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued, due to the fact that claim 26 lacked a correct status identifier. The present Amendment is being filed within the one month time period, due to the fact that the USPTO was closed on Monday, January 1, 2007 and Tuesday, January 2, 2007. The following Amendment is identical to the Amendment filed on November 21, except that claim 26 has a correct status identifier.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.